

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to honor the First Baptist Church
of Aurora for the 185th anniversary of its founding.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2005)

SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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Whereas, On February 26, 1820, the First Baptist Church of Aurora was founded by Jesse L. Holman, Timothy Brown, Lydia St. John, Sophia Brown, Sallie Brown and William Hancock, the six charter members;

Whereas, Elder James Dicken was called as pastor and received a monthly salary of \$1.25;

Whereas, The first worship services were held in a private log house residence on Fifth Street;

Whereas, Between 1825 and 1828, near the original log house, the members built a brick meetinghouse with a small belfry. However, a triangle was used to summon people to services until a bell could be purchased;

Whereas, This first bell was later used as the ferry bell;

Whereas, The church membership continued to grow spiritually and in number of members;

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Whereas, in 1937, the church was damaged by the great flood and later burned that year but was soon rebuilt in September 1938 at 304 Fourth Street;

Whereas, a new bell, weighing 1800 pounds, was purchased by citizens exclusive of the church members and hung in the belfry of the new church;

Whereas, in 1999, ten more acres of land was purchased as the site of a future church building with more spacious facilities;

Whereas, today this church is the oldest building in Aurora and worship services are still held there every Sunday: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors the First
- 2 Baptist Church of Aurora on its 185th anniversary.
- 3 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby
- 4 directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Deacons of
- 5 the church on behalf of all members and friends of the
- 6 congregation of the First Baptist Church of Aurora.

